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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 31 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)].

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [97]

Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.10

Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m. today* in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96] (A/51/314, A/51/59, A/51/73, A/51/87, A/51/120, A/51/127, A/51/138, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/295, A/51/357, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/51/375 and A/51/529)

(f) Eradication of poverty (A/51/443)

(g) Cultural development (A/51/451 and A/51/211-S/1996/551)

Introduction and general discussion of sub-item (g) and conclusion of general discussion on sub-items (g) and (f)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.5 (item 97 (c)); A/C.2/51/L.7 (item 97 (d)); A/C.2/51/L.6 (item 97 (e)); and A/C.2/51/L.4 (item 97 (f))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105] (A/51/12, A/51/12/Add.1, A/51/329, A/51/341, A/51/367, A/51/454, A/51/206-S/1996/539)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/51/L.4

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

Action on draft proposals A/C.3/51/L.2, A/C.3/51/L.6, A/C.3/51/L.8

4. Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158]

Action on draft proposal A/C.3/51/L.10

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105] (A/51/12, A/51/12/Add.1, A/51/329, A/51/341, A/51/367, A/51/454, A/51/206-S/1996/539)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters [129]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/51/L.7 and A/C.5/51/L.8

2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [134]

Action draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.5

3. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [157]

Action draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.6

4. Human resources management [120] (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/2, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304, A/51/421 and A/51/475)

Action on draft decision A/C.5/51/L.9 and conclusion of general discussion

5. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116] (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16 and A/51/7/Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

6. Pattern of conferences [118] (A/51/32, A/51/253, A/51/268 and Corr.1, A/51/337 and A/51/125)

Conclusion of general discussion

7. Programme planning [114]

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

(A/51/6 (fascicles), A/51/16 (Part I and II), A/51/88 and A/51/6 (Perspective and (Note))

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [147]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)
2. United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)
3. United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1997*

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 31 October 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUP 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Rom C

GROUP OF 77

(Second Committee matters: on items 95 (a) (Industrial development cooperation); 94 (c) (Trade and development); 98 (Operational activities: funding); and item 96 (g) (Cultural development) (World Commission on Culture and Developement)))

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

ZONE OF PEACE AND COOPERATION OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ASIAN GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3.30 p.m.-6 pm.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Signatories of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty *today*, 31 October 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All States Signatories are requested to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be two sessions of informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 24 (Law of the sea) *today*, 31 October 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The consultations at 10 a.m. will be held in Conference Room 4 and will deal with the following draft resolutions: (i) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Con-vention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (agenda item 24 (b)); and (ii) Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards (agenda item 24 (c)). The consultations at 3 p.m. will be held in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and will deal with the draft resolution on the law of the sea (agenda item 24 (a)).

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Informal meeting

The Expert Inter-agency Meeting on Post-UNCED Institutional Arrangements will be held *today*, 31 October 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors (and potential co-sponsors) of the draft resolution entitled "Status of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction" *today*, 31 October 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors (and potential co-sponsors) of the draft resolution entitled "Prohibition of the Production of Fissile Material for Nuclear Weapons or Other Nuclear Devices" *today*, 31 October 1996, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 1 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 48th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 9th meeting on Tuesday, 5 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 to begin consideration of agenda item 87 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 87 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meeting of the Second Committee

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on trade and development, including follow-up to UNCTAD 9, on Monday, 4 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting de-voted to this segment will take place on Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, ext. 3-2320/3-5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open beginning 28 October until 1 November. Delegations wish-ing to be inscribed for both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: 3-2320 or 3-5973, fax: 212-963-5935, room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/ 103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (i)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

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* To be issued.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee matters: agenda item 96 (e) (Human settlements (Habitat))* on Friday, 1 November 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee matters: item 94 (d) (Commodities))* on Friday, 1 November 1996, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fourth Committee matters: item 87 (Questions relating to information))* on Friday, 1 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Thursday, 7 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Development Programme

1996 Paul G. Hoffman Lecture

Mr. Robert Kuttner, founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Policy Institute, Washington, founder and Co-editor of *The American Prospect*, contributing columnist to *Business Week*, syndicated columnist of *The Boston Globe*, author, and recipient of awards for excellence in business and financial journalism, will deliver the 1996 Paul G. Hoffman Lecture, on the subject "Global Competitiveness and Human Development: Allies or Adversaries?" on Friday, 1 November 1996, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Permanent Representatives, members of delegations to the United Nations, representatives of the private sector, including financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, media, academia, and United Nations staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

The secretariat of the Open-ended High Level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System informs delegations that document WGNUS/CRP.3/Add.5 is now available in Room S-3380. This document represents Chapter V of the Compendium of proposals dealing with "Peace and Security".

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United Nations Optical Disk System

Official documents as well as the *Journal* and the *Daily List of Documents* are now accessible to Permanent Missions and Governments of Member States through the *Internet* connection to the United Nations Optical Disk System.

Inquiries may be directed to the Coordinator, Technological Innovations Programme, Conference Services (ext. 36586 or 36587).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 29 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 17th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.6

The representative of Burundi, on behalf of the African Group, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Iraq, Liechtenstein, Nigeria, Morocco, Ukraine, Malawi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand, the Syrian Arab Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tunisia, Benin and Lebanon.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Organization of African Unity and the International Organization for Migration.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reminded delegations that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 103 and 104 would be Wednesday, 30 October at 1 p.m.

The Chairperson also advised delegations that draft proposals on all outstanding items should be circulated informally by 15 November.

Wednesday, 30 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

45th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), India, the Philippines, Uruguay, Slovenia, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Turkey, France, Zimbabwe, Canada, China, Ghana, the Russian Federation, Israel, Egypt and Kuwait.

Programme of work: Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to documents A/51/333-S/1996/722, A/51/335-S/1996/724, A/51/334-S/1996/723, A/51/417-S/1996/794 and A/51/417/Add.1-S/1996/794/Add.1, and announced that an additional nomination had been received since the issuance of the documents. On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that the President should request the Secretariat to issue a consolidated and updated list of candidates, thus facilitating the election for all representatives.

46th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47]

Statements were made by the representatives of Latvia, Tunisia, Japan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Singapore, Algeria, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Spain, the Czech Republic, Croatia, the United Kingdom, the United States, the Sudan, Indonesia, Maldives, Bahrain, Romania, Bulgaria and Vietnam.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Italy and the United Kingdom.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed of the following additions to the programme of work of the Assembly which had appeared in document A/INF/51/3/Rev.1/Add.1: on Tuesday, 12 November, in the morning, the Assembly would consider agenda item 56 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), as the second item; on Thursday, 14 November, in the morning, it would consider agenda item 42 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity), as the fourth

item; on Wednesday, 20 November, in the morning, it would consider agenda item 41 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies).

The Assembly was further informed that the lists of speakers for those items were open.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(e) Human settlements

The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 96, sub-item (e).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Holy See, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Canada, India, Uruguay, the Gambia, the Philippines and Lebanon.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund.

The Secretary-General of Habitat II Conference responded to statements made by delegates.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 96, sub-item (e).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 95 (b) had been extended to 22 November.

22nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.5

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 97, sub-item (c).

The representative of Costa Rica introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Colombia (on behalf of the members of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries).

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.7

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 97, sub-item (d).

The representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Colombia (on behalf of the members of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries) introduced the draft resolution.

Operational activities for development [98]

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 98.

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(f) Eradication of poverty

The Assistant Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DPCSD, made an introductory statement.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Malta, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Associate States, aligned themselves with this statement, as did Iceland), Bangladesh, Tunisia, China, El Salvador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), Benin, Nepal, Chile (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay), Burkina Faso, the Philippines, Malawi (also on behalf of Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Mauritius, South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) Madagascar, Canada, India, the Russian Federation and Morocco.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.7

The representative of Cuba introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [103]

Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Peru, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Poland, the Philippines, Mali, Guinea, Kazakstan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Qatar, Azerbaijan and Nicaragua (on behalf of the Central American States).

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

A statement was also made by the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (Category I).

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made concluding remarks.

The Chairperson also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

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International Convention on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Fifty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 1996

1545th and 1546th (closed) meetings

Consideration of comunications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996

Signature: Senegal (30 October 1996)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 31 October 1996, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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